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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6504

BILL NUMBER: SB 355

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 15, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Release of Identifying Adoption Information.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Simpson

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill repeals, effective July 1, 2011, provisions applicable to adoptions finalized before January 1, 1994, that prohibit the release of identifying adoption information unless a consent to release the information is on file. The bill provides that, beginning July 1, 2011, identifying adoption information may be released unless a nonrelease is on file, regardless of when the adoption was filed. (Under current law, this provision applies only to adoptions filed after December 31, 1993.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Under the bill adoption records containing identifying information may be released for adoptions that occurred before January 1, 1994, unless a nonrelease order is on file.

Currently, identifying information contained in adoption records for adoptions that occurred before January 1, 1994, may not be released. Identifying information may be released for adoptions that occur after January 1, 1994, unless an adoptee's parent(s) have filed a nonrelease form. As a result of the bill, birth parents of an adoptee, for adoptions before January 1, 1994, would be required to file for nonrelease of identifying information if they would like to remain anonymous.

This bill may increase the workload of the State Registrar to (1) process and maintain nonrelease of information filings and (2) provide identifying information to additional adult adoptees who were adopted before January 1, 1994, unless a nonrelease order is on file. Actual increases in workload are indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH).

Local Agencies Affected:

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